

The Atlantic and Central bases expansion project:

How it affects nearby property owners and tenants

King County Metro Transit plans to expand the Atlantic and Central bus bases to meet the growing demand for more bus service in King County. To accommodate more riders and provide more bus service, Metro expects to add approximately 200 additional coaches operating out of the Central base between now and 2010.

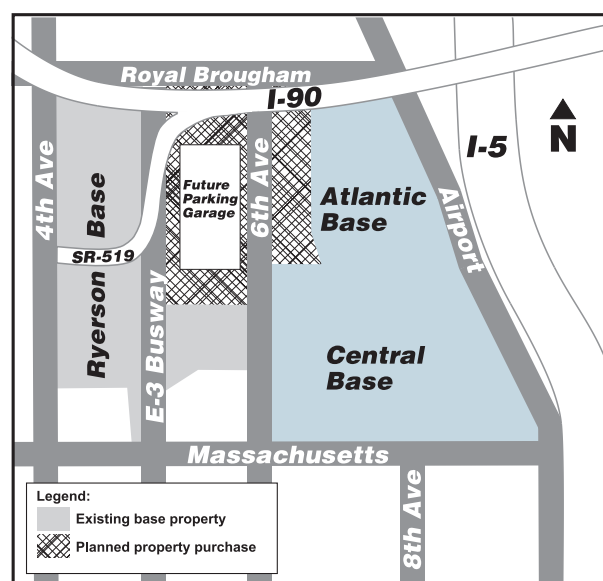
Parking garage planned for Sixth Avenue

The first expansion project is construction of a parking garage to begin in 2003 on the west side of Sixth Avenue South between Royal Brougham Way and South Massachusetts Street (see map). Located in the middle of the three bases, the parking garage will serve employees at the Atlantic, Central and Ryerson bases and Metro service vehicles.

The 1,000-stall parking garage is needed because Metro plans to build a new tire shop, a new body repair, paint and upholstery shop, and a new operations building on the existing parking lots, beginning in 2004. However, Metro can't start that phase

of its expansion project until the parking garage is built.

Metro needs to buy the property shown on the map for the garage and additional bus parking. Metro realizes the impact on property owners and tenants is significant, but the project will help improve bus service throughout King County. Also, by locating the parking garage on Sixth Avenue, Metro will minimize usage of industrial land in the area.



Who is affected?

Four property owners and about 20 separate businesses will be affected by the Atlantic/Central base expansion.

Metro will provide planning and relocation help

Here is how Metro will work with property owners and tenants:

- **Relocation assistance**—A relocation specialist will explain the program and procedures.
- **Information**—A relocation specialist will provide information about the availability, purchase prices and rental costs of suitable replacement sites.
- **Help with relocation costs**—Metro will pay for most moving costs and many reestablishment expenses.
- **Relocation assistance booklet**—Metro will provide you with an easy-to-understand booklet with more details about the program.
- **Purchase of the property**—An offer will be made to purchase the property for the market value, based on an appraisal made by an independent appraiser.

Schedule for purchase offers and relocation

Metro real estate staff plans to make offers to purchase property in December 2001 and January 2002. After the property is purchased, tenants will have a minimum of 90 days to move. However, we expect tenants may have until the end of 2002 to relocate.

For more information

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please contact Gerrie Jackson, Metro real property agent, at (206) 684-1334 (voice) or (206) 684-1682 (TTY), (206) 684-1900 (fax) or gerrie.jackson@metrokc.gov (e-mail). You can also write her at 201 South Jackson Street, KSC-TR-0431, Seattle, WA 98104-3856.

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